

Acts Chapter 29 David

1. And it came to pass in the second year of dwelling in Rome, under the watch of the centurion Julius, that many brethren came daily to hear the word of the Lord.

2. For though Paul remained in Rome under watch, his spirit was not bound, for he spoke boldly before all who came to hear, whether Jew or Gentile, soldier or scribe.

3. In every city where the name of Jesus was declared, there arose both resistance and repentance—some hardening their hearts, and others rejoicing with great joy.

4. Great was the growth of the church in Rome, though not without trouble. For merchants and craftsmen still stirred the people against us, fearing the loss of gain.

5. And I marveled, for many of those once steeped in idols now walked in love and truth, sharing their goods with all who had need.

6. In every village, the signs of His mercy followed us: the sick were healed, the oppressed set free, and the brokenhearted made whole.

7. The Spirit moved mightily among the disciples, and signs and wonders confirmed the word preached.

8. On the seventh day, as the sun broke through the clouds over the Tiber, a messenger came unto us.

9. And behold, it was Peter of Galilee, the apostle of the Lord with John Mark and Silvanus, who entered in unto our dwelling, his face aglow with joy and burden alike.

10. Peter testified again of the vision he received, and of the grace that was poured upon the Gentiles, and he spoke of the hope that is in Christ alone.

11. Then we shared with him the letters Paul had written to the churches of Asia and Achaia, and we gave thanks together that the Gospel bore fruit in lands far beyond Jerusalem.

12. On the last night, as we broke bread, Peter said, "The time is short, and the Lord's return draws nigh. We must labor while it is still day."

13. We shared with them all that the Lord continued to do in Rome and beyond, and their faith was strengthened.

14. The same Spirit that moved at Pentecost now stirred hearts in distant lands, and the light of Christ broke forth in unexpected places.

15. Widows were cared for, orphans embraced, and prisoners comforted—not only by apostles, but by ordinary men and women full of the Holy Ghost.

16. And so, dear Theophilus, know this: the story does not end in Rome, nor in my writing, but continues in you, and in all who believe.